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- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,202,828
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,041,335
- (3) "Implementation Of Image Annotation" IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, IBM Corp. New York, US, vol. 39, no. 2, February 1996 (1996-02), pages 25-26, XP000559805 ISSN: 0018-8689
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These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated January 30, 2006, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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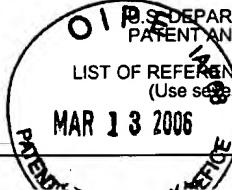
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